## **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

DOCKET NO. 2005-223-T - ORDER NO. 2005-677

**NOVEMBER 14, 2005** 

IN RE: Application of Anthony R. Stokes d/b/a Local ) ORDER DISMISSING Movers, 1504 Westview Avenue, Beaufort, ) APPLICATION South Carolina 29902 (District 2) for a Class ) E Certificate of Public Convenience and )

Necessity.

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) to dismiss the Application of Anthony R. Stokes d/b/a Local Movers (Local Movers or the Applicant).

On July 25, 2005, Local Movers filed an Application for a Class E (HHG) Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Operation of Motor Vehicle Carrier to transport commodities as follows:

Household Goods, As Defined in R. 103-210(1): Between Points and Places in Beaufort County, South Carolina.

Upon Local Movers' filing, the Commission's Docketing Department instructed the Applicant to publish a Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation in the service area desired. The purpose of the Notice of Filing was to inform interested parties of the Application of Local Movers and of the manner and time in which to file the appropriate pleadings for participation in the proceeding. Local Movers complied with this instruction and provided the Commission with proof of publication of the Notice of Filing. No Petitions to Intervene or protests were filed in this matter. On September 8,

2005, the Commission issued a Notice of Hearing, wherein a hearing on Local Movers' application was scheduled for November 3, 2005, at 2:30 p.m.

The Commission convened the hearing for Local Movers' application at 2:30 p.m., on November 3, 2005. The Applicant failed to appear at the hearing as scheduled. Due to the failure of the Applicant to appear at the hearing, counsel for the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS), a statutory party in this proceeding, presented a motion to dismiss the application of Local Movers, or in the alternative, deny approval of the Class E Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

After due consideration of ORS's motion, the Commission is of the opinion, and so finds, that the Application of Local Movers for a Class E Certificate should be dismissed.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Application of Anthony R. Stokes d/b/a Local Movers for a Class E (HHG) Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Operation of Motor Vehicle Carrier to transport commodities is hereby dismissed.

2. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of this Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSON:

Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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